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The eighth forestry lesson, announced to be given at Fort Lee, New Jersey, on September 22, with Dr. C. C. Curtis as instructor and guide, was prevented by a heavy rain.

On September 29, seven members of the Club held a field meeting at West Orange, New Jersey, under the guidance of Mr. Percy Wilson. The "first" and "second" mountains were visited. *Lycopodium lucidulum*, *Corallorhiza odontorhiza*, *Vitis cordifolia*, and the fringed and closed gentians, were among the plants noted. Some attention was paid to the violets, especially to apparently connecting forms between *Viola sagittata* and *V. fimbriatula*.

#### NEWS ITEMS

Dr. C. B. Robinson, assistant curator of the New York Botanical Garden, spent the month of August in making collections in Nova Scotia, mostly in the vicinity of Pictou and in Cape Breton.

A recent number of *Science* states that Dr. F. E. Clements has been promoted from the associate professorship of plant physiology in the University of Nebraska to the professorship of the same subject.

Mr. T. S. Brandegee, of San Diego, California, has given his herbarium and botanical library to the University of California. His address is now in care of the botanical department of that University at Berkeley.

Chester A. Darling (A.M., Albion College, 1906) has been appointed assistant in botany in Columbia University to succeed Dr. Ira D. Cardiff, who has been elected to the professorship of botany in the University of Utah.

Dr. Melville Thurston Cook has resigned his position as chief of the department of plant pathology of the Central Agricultural Experiment Station of Cuba. He expects to devote several months to studies at the New York Botanical Garden.

Dr. Raymond H. Pond, professor of botany in the Northwestern University School of Pharmacy, Chicago, Ill., has a year's leave of absence and is now at the New York Botanical

Garden for six months of research, his special subject of investigation being the toxic effect of dissociable salts on enzyme activity.

Mr. Norman Taylor, of the New York Botanical Garden, returned on September 30 from a trip to the Sierra Maestra Mountains, near Santiago, Cuba. Mr. Taylor accompanied Professor B. E. Fernow, of Ithaca, N. Y., who went for the purpose of making a timber survey of this area. During a four weeks' stay in the mountains west of Santiago, collections were made for the Garden Herbarium, together with some live orchids and cactuses for the conservatory. Dr. Fernow gathered much valuable information relative to the Cuban hard-woods, and also made wood sections of the trees of economic importance. A map was constructed of a part of this hitherto almost unknown, but extremely interesting country.

The program of the autumn course of Saturday afternoon lectures at the New York Botanical Garden is as follows :

Oct. 13. "A Summer in Europe ; Some Foreign Botanists and Botanical Institutions," by Dr. W. A. Murrill.

Oct. 20. "The Vegetation of the Florida Keys," by Dr. M. A. Howe.

Oct. 27. "How Plants Breathe," by Dr. C. Stuart Gager.

Nov. 3. "Coal : Its Origin and Development," by Dr. Arthur Hollick.

Nov. 10. "The Vegetation and Botanical Features of the Inaguas and Grand Turk, Bahamas," by Mr. G. V. Nash.

Nov. 17. "Recent Explorations in the West Indies," by Dr. N. L. Britton.

Nov. 24. "The Wild Nuts and Grains of North America," by Dr. H. H. Rusby.

The lectures will be illustrated by lantern-slides and otherwise and will begin at 4:30 P. M.